

SPRING TERM 2016

# The British Preparatory School

## PRE-SCHOOL 1

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Nursery Rhyme topic last term which saw them bring home a lovely keepsake book of our favorite rhymes. We still sing these songs on a daily basis.

The topic for this half of the term is 'bears.' *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and *The Three Little Bears* are some of the books that the children will enjoy. We will be concentrating on specific language related to this topic, for example big, medium and small, numbers 1, 2, 3, mummy, daddy, baby and some words relating to the weather. We will be doing lots of exciting artwork using many different techniques and textures allowing the children to explore with their sight, sound and also taste, as we will finish the topic off with a teddy bears picnic once the weather warms up slightly!



Throughout the day we are constantly using different methods to enhance and develop their speech, concentrating on nursery rhymes, flashcards and picture tools amongst many. The main nursery rhymes for the first part of this term we will be concentrating on are: 'Miss Polly Had a Dolly', 'Wind the Bobbin Up', 'Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear' and 'If You're Happy and You Know It'. For the second half of this term, we will be focusing more on, 'The Wheels on the Bus', 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat', 'Old MacDonald Had a Farm' and 'Open, Shut them'.

Singing is a big part of our day and it's a delight to watch the children's language develop. All of these rhymes have lots of actions which more and more children are participating in.

### Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, turn around,  
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, touch the ground,  
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, stamp your feet,  
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, 1,2,3.

### Open, Shut Them

Open, shut them, open, shut them,  
Give a little clap,  
Open, shut them, open, shut them,  
Pat them on your lap,  
Creep them, creep them, creep them, creep them,  
creep them,  
Right up to your chin,  
Open up your little mouth,  
BUT....do not let them in.

After half term, we will be focusing on a well known story, 'The Gingerbread Man'. This allows us to use the repetition of language to familiarise the children with the story where they can join in too. We will of course be getting clever with some creative work and finishing the topic off with our very own delicious gingerbread men.

Along with our topic work, we will be continuing to use the wide range of resources we have to teach the children their colours, everyday words including 'please' and 'thank you', numbers 1 - 5, animals and developing their fine motor skills and visual discrimination.

Outdoor play, when the weather allows it, is also one of the children's favourite things to do. We do activities such as washing cars, sand and rice play, painting and water play. This is always messy and fun. Within the classroom the children love to get their hands dirty with shaving foam, spaghetti, playdough and flour.



It has been a pleasurable few weeks with many more to come, to watch the children blossom and grow in confidence. Please do not hesitate to make an appointment with me if you have any concerns.

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